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# Interesting for Women

USEFUL HINTS  
FOR THE  
HOUSEWIFE

## COURTEOUS CHILDREN

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A COURTEOUS gentleness to social inferiors, such as servants, is the sign manual of breeding. Therefore exact from the child a gentle deference for their feelings. He must be told to say "Please" when asking for a thing at table, told to say "Thank you" when it is given him. The men and women of the south are noted especially for marks of politeness and I am glad to be able to tell you that a deal of the training come through the need of being polite to one's black nurse. The deflection is not treated with spanking for the black nurse has no right to spank. She only says, perhaps with the sorrowful dignity that is more biting than a dozen switches, "It seems terrible Ah got to be 'shamed of de chile Ah done bring up!"

It was the old black nurse of the south who taught imperative obedience to the father's and the mother's will, who inculcated love for them, who insisted upon every little shade of the ordinary behavior which stands for breeding. A good deal depends upon the character and bringing up of the nursemaid into whose hands a young child has been intrusted.

The primer for the general behavior of children contains rules so obvious that the average mother can only resent their repetition. Nevertheless, for a few who might care to freshen up their book let us touch upon them.

To talk in a child's presence of his gifts or looks is to pave the way for vanity and arrogance. The slightest impertinence to superiors should be promptly and firmly checked.

"But who are my child's superiors?" some one thinks, indignantly. I will tell you. They are his father and mother, his grandparents, his uncles and aunts, his teachers, all brothers, sisters and schoolmates who are older and wiser than himself. He must take off his hat to his elders, be they men or women or girls four years older than himself. He must never remain seated when an old person is standing or be other than helpful, willing and gracious with age.

It is no longer the fashion to say, "Yes, ma'am," when a mother or grandmother speaks, but the reply must still be as deferential. "Yes, mother," "Yes, grandmother," is the way the reply should be put; and when a lady is introduced her name should be respectfully repeated as the child gives his hand. Thus, "Mr. Brown," this single utterance delivered with a mark of pleasure at making the lady's acquaintance.

No forward child should be allowed to claim the attention of visitors. After being introduced he should remain standing until asked to seat himself. If he enters the room without invitation for some reason which seems imperative, let him say at the door, "May I come in, mother?" and then stand quietly at her elbow until given permission to state his requirements.

At all times with a teasing and persistent child the "No" once given should be irrevocable. Unless the government is taught the book of etiquette has really nothing to say—character and manners go hand in hand.

Never pass over the correction of a lie, as it is the worst form of bad behavior. Look at the treatment a chronic liar gets when he goes from his blind home to a boys' school. Being a dangerous person, he is thought of generally unfit for the society of his fellow pupils. In the end he gets the worst of things every time.



## If You Would Have a Beautiful Mouth

### CARE OF THE SKIN

BY EDNA EGAN

WHY have you "pimples," my dear maiden? Why is your skin "thick and dull"? Why sal-low as a lemon or "with a blue tinge"?

I will tell you. Because, first, you have never taken proper care of your health and next because you have never learned to wash your face properly.

"Wash my face properly!" cried some girl who is famed for her neatness and deservedly so up to a point. "Why, I wash my face every day. Three times—six!"

Maybe so, but since your complexion is marred by some one of the defects which assail neglectful youth it is plain you have left something undone. You do not use good soap, perhaps, and very hot water, both of which are necessary to clean pores properly, for all local trouble begins with dirty pores. You neglect the useful steam bath, whose occasional use is absolutely necessary to invigorate and cleanse. You eat piles of candy instead of wholesome food and drink doctored sodas instead of the right quantities of pure water. You study too hard, neglect exercise, are unacquainted with the life-giving properties of fresh air.

The skin is like the stomach, it must be fed, washed, aired and put to bed, as it were, under restful conditions. Anything that disturbs the stomach will mar the complexion; anything good for the stomach is good for the skin of the face, for every inch of skin on the human body. So begin with a wholesome diet, regular exercise, baths and the rest necessary. It is far easier to pass mental examinations with a body poised by the right regimen than it is to cram the mind every moment and stand up a bewildered and disfigured girl on the important day.

The most noble mind is affected by a disordered skin and a disordered skin is only another phrase for disordered habits.

As to nourishing foods, one girl may need one thing and one another, but chicken and rice, salads, fruit and milk are accepted beautifiers the world over. A daily diet of sweet, juicy oranges is superb, these acting directly upon the liver and often doing away with the need of laxatives. For the bowels must be kept free even if it is necessary sometimes to take a course of calomel or castor oil. Gentler laxatives, and ones that may be relied upon if used when necessary, are sarsaparilla, rhubarb, licorice and water, senna tea or figs and senna stewed together.

A pleasant, and girlish way, to take the licorice, is to buy it in stick form, crack it up and eat a good big chunk on going to bed. For those who like the toothsome root, this precaution for regular habits will assume the aspect of a genuine spree. Then there will always be a licorice bite for the hungry girl—sallow or pimply, too, perhaps from the same cause—who creeps into your college bedchamber with a plaint of starvation. Licorice is wonderfully filling, and you have always the pleasant thought that it is a form of dissipation which does not hurt.



### ODDS AND ENDS

IN purchasing a piece of linen, if in doubt about the material being genuine, dampen a finger in the mouth, put it on the material and if the dampness shows on the opposite side at the same time, the goods are linen. Cotton fabrics are slower to absorb moisture. The rule is infallible.

SOILED wallpaper can be cleaned upon the walls without injuring the most delicate or highly colored. Dip a whitewash brush in hot vinegar and brush all over it very quickly, but thoroughly. You will be surprised to see how dirty the vinegar becomes. When dry the paper will be fresh and clean as if newly hung.

IF a bag made of outing dannel or any soft material be drawn over a broom and moistened thoroughly with kerosene, it will be found effective in caring for linoleum, painted or hardwood floors, etc. Although the odor may be an objection, it serves as a good disinfectant.

A DIRTY sink pipe or the waste pipe of a lavatory basin will often become clogged. In this case take a handful each of salt and soda, and, after mixing the two, put as much as possible down the pipe. Leave for about half an hour, then pour a couple of quarts of boiling water down the drain, following it with plenty of warm water, so as to remove every vestige of slime, soap or grease.

A HOUSEWIFE who turns off a tasty little breakfast omelette has one that is her own invention. She cuts a quarter of a red pepper and a quarter of a green pepper into dice and mixes them and two or three tablespoonfuls of minced boiled ham with five slightly beaten eggs and then bakes it in the omelet pan as usual. For every egg she uses a tablespoonful of hot water in the mixture.

TO remove the smell of onions, wash the pan thoroughly in the usual way and wipe dry with a dishcloth. Next sprinkle with salt, shaking the pan well from time to time. Rinse again in clean warm water, to which a lump of washing soda has been added, when all taste and smell of onion will have disappeared. To take out rusty screws, heat a poker red hot and hold it for a few moments to the head of the screw. Then use the proper sized screwdriver—to fit the slot of the screw—and it will

come out quite easily and with little trouble.

### THE APPLE PARTY

NOW that apples are so plentiful all the familiar old fashioned apple games may be revived for an "apple revel"—bobbing for apples, biting apples suspended from strings in the doorway, and fortunes told by apple peels thrown around the head or apple seeds laid upon the eyelids. Future destinies may be revealed by a "Tree of Knowledge" on the refreshment table, the tree consisting of a symmetrical bush held upright in a jar of damp sand. Tiny

crepe paper apples, each containing an amusing fortune, are to be suspended from the branches. For another simple little contest ruddy apples, representing the world, may be passed around, and each guest told to make a map of the continents of North and South America on an apple by cutting away portions of the skin. A prize may also be promised to the guest who can pare the thinnest apple peeling in the shortest space of time.

### SINKS

WOMEN slightly above the average height, who find that the ordinary kitchen sink is set so low that it causes them to bend at their dishwashing, vegetable cleaning, etc., will find a new and most practical article in the shops that will help them greatly and allow of their standing perfectly upright at sink work. This new convenience is a round and very strong stand made of heavy crossed wires and having wire feet. It is made to fit in the regular sized sink and also to perfectly fit the bottom of the ordinary round dish pan. It is set in the sink and the dish pan rests on it and in this way water is allowed to run free, a thing that cannot be when the pan sets flat in the sink. It saves wear on the dish pan bottom and is also useful to use on the kitchen table to receive hot kettles, pans, etc., that might burn the table.

### NEWEST COIFFURES FOR YOUNG GIRLS



FOR those who object to wire netting in the windows during the summer a new idea has been found to prevent flies and such annoying pests from entering the house. This new preventive is a window of mignonette. It seems that the insects do not care to face the odor of this charming flower, so that it is an effectual barrier against their intrusion. It sounds like a very pretty idea.

COFFEE kettles should never be allowed to become dull and tarnished, as they are difficult to clean when much stained. A cut lemon, dipped in powdered bath brick, is however, usually successful in removing disfiguring marks, the kettle being then washed with warm soapy water, and a final polish given with the aid of a soft cloth and powdered bath brick.